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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Without prejudice or disclaimer, please amend claims 3-8 and 11-13, and add new claims 16-21 to read as shown below:

--3. (Amended) A polymer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second filler is a known flame retardant filler, an inert filler or a combination thereof.--

--4. (Amended) A polymer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second filler comprises at least one of aluminium trihydroxide, magnesium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide (or the ore Brucite), hydromagnesite, Huntite, boehmite and bauxite.--

--5. (Amended) A polymer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second filler comprises at least one of chalk, talc and glass powder.--

--6. (Amended) A polymer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the proportion of the nano-clay to the second filler is from 90%:10% to 10%:90% by weight.--

--7. (Amended) A polymer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the total filler content is from 20% to 80% by weight.--

--8. (Amended) A polymer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer is PVC.--

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--11. (Amended) A cable or wire coating formed from a polymer composition according to claim 1.--

--12. (Amended) A moulded or extruded material coated with a polymer composition according to claim 1.--

--13. (Amended) Use of a polymer composition according to claim 1 as a char promoter.--

--16. (New) A cable or wire coating formed from a polymer composition according to claim 9.--

--17. (New) A moulded or extruded material coated with a polymer composition according to claim 9.--

--18. (New) Use of a polymer composition according to claim 9 as a char promoter.--

--19. (New) A cable or wire coating formed from a polymer composition according to claim 10.--

--20. (New) A moulded or extruded material coated with a polymer composition according to claim 10.--

--21. (New) Use of a polymer composition according to claim 10 as a char promoter.--